(ii) (a) Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Karnataka, Dairy Development Corporation Limited, Bangalore, for the year 1983-84, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3109/86 for (a) and (b)].

(iii) (a) Seventeenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Madras, for the year 1982-83, toghether with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on working of the Corporation.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3091/86 for (a), (b) and 2].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers.

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1983-84, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Federation.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1984-85, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Federation.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Eighteenth Report of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on action taken by Corporation on the recommendations contained in Fifty-Eight Report of the Committee on the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) Reservation for and employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Khadi and Village Industries Commission and facilities provided for the economic development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the Commission.

MOTION FOR NOMINATION TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSES ON THE LOKPAL BILL, 1985

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): Sir, I beg to move:

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do appoint two members of Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee on the Bill to provide for the appointment of a Lokpal to inquire into allegation of corruption against Union Ministers and for matters connected therewith in the vacancies caused by the retirement of Shri R. Mohanarangam and Shri Sultan Singh from the membership of the Rajya Sabha and resolves that Shri Aladi Aruna *alias*

[Shri Ashoke Kumar Sen]

V. Arunachalam and Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh be appointed to the said Joint Committee to fill the vacancies."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Mrs. Margaret Alva to move the Dowry Prohibition Bill. After that I will allow special mentions on the strict conditions that only three minutes will be allowed for each.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, before that there is a bill for introduction only.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, there is a Bill for introduction. Mr. P. A. Sangma.

THE CHILD LABOUR (PROHIBITION AND REGULATION) BILL, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit the engagement of children in certain employments and to regulate the conditions of work of children in certain other employments.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE DOWRY PROHIBITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, and to make certain necessary changes in the Indian Penal Code, the Codes of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, be taken into consideration."

Sir, in pursuance of the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Committee of the Houses to examine the question of the working of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, presented on 11th August, 1982, the Dowry Prohibition Act was amended by an Act of Parliament on the 11th September, 1984, which makes the provisions of the original Act more stringent and effective against offenders.

The Central Government issued a notification on the 19th August, 1985 for bringing into force the Dowry Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 1984 with effect from the 2nd of October, 1985. Although the Dowry Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 1984 was an improvement on the existing legislation, there was a general feeling that the amendments were still inadequate and fall markedly short of the recommendations made by the Joint Select Committee.

Accordingly, wide-ranging consultations with women Members of Parliament, representatives of women's and voluntary organisations, legal-aid groups and women lawyers were convened by the Department of Women and Child Development to discuss implementation of the Act as well as its deficiencies.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will make a sweet speech...

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Very short, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN:...which means short.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Very short. The Dowry Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1986 seeks to further amend the existing Act making the provisions more stringent and